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NEWS RELEASE

County Executive to Attend Ribbon Cutting for Challenge Program Construction Project

On Wednesday afternoon County Executive Tom Gordon is scheduled to attend the Challenge Program's ribbon cutting that culminates New Castle County's partnership with this nonprofit to build a modular home in West Minquadale.

The property was purchased by the New Castle County Department of Community Services through federal funding provided for the County's Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Community Services General Manager Sophia Hanson said. The Challenge Program then used HOME Program federal funds to construct a modular home at this property, with the goal of selling the finished product to a first-time homebuyer.

The Challenge Program provides vocational training in construction for Delaware's at-risk youth, provides them with assistance in earning a high school diploma or GED, and also assists youths with job placement.

"This is a great partnership with a worthy program that helps young people find their way," County Executive Gordon said. "We have some bright, young people who just need a second chance. Construction is an excellent venue for them because it's one of the main things that cannot be imported out of this country."

The County Executive visited the Challenge Program's construction crew at this West Minquadale home on a chilly day back in February. He looks forward to seeing the finished product.

The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at 6 Frazier Avenue, W. Minquadale, New Castle DE 19720.